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Between 75,000 and 100,000 students at over 30 colleges have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

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UTM opens doors to hurricane victims

Kevin Teets
Senior Reporter

Most could not fathom the thought of transferring to a different college after attending for only one day. But, as Hurricane Katrina made her path for Louisiana, Tulane University freshman Robert Myers, 17, of Newport, Tenn., was bused out of New Orleans after being on Tulane's campus for only six hours.

Myers, who attended the Governor's School for the Humanities program at UTM in 2004, is one of many college students having to adjust his collegiate plans after Hurricane Katrina devastated much of Louisiana and Mississippi. When Myers arrived on Tulane's campus, he and other students knew a hurricane was in the making, but they did not think it was supposed to hit New Orleans. Their

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freshmen move-in-day plans were soon changed. "We had to evacuate. All of the freshmen were put on buses and taken to Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss. We could carry with us only what we could fit on our lap," Myers said. Myers took a couple changes of clothes, some toiletry items and his cell phone. All

of the students' other possessions, such as computers, are still in New Orleans. When the students arrived at Jackson State University they were all put in the gymnasium. Each of them was given a pillow and a blanket. The gymnasium became the five-day home for several Tulane students as they waited out the hurricane.

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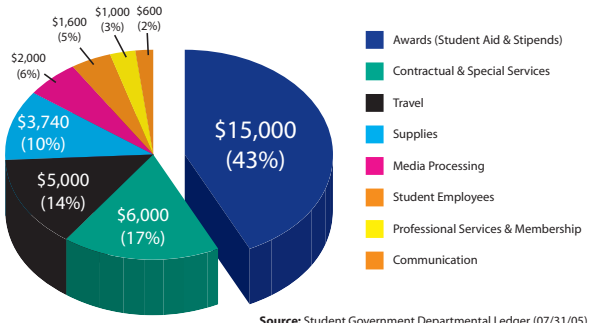
SGA execs learn for less

In addition to free books on loan, and a \$400-\$600 stipend a year, three students receive almost half of the budget in tuition payments.

Will York
News Editor

Total Operating Costs	\$33,340
Awards (Student Aid & Stipends)	15,000
Contractual & Special Services	6,000
Travel	5,000
Supplies	3,740
Media Processing	2,000
Professional Services & Membership	1,000
Communication	600
Total Personnel Costs	\$1,600
Student Employees	1,600
Total Budget (FY 2006)	\$34,940

Source: Student Government Departmental Ledger (07/31/05)



"The perks could be a motivation for running for office... But I hope the person's motive would be more altruistic."

— David Belote
Interim Vice Chancellor
for Student Affairs

If you're lucky enough to get elected to the Student Government Association Executive Council, not only will your tuition be paid for by the SGA, but you will also receive free books and a stipend. The three-member council, composed of the president, vice president and secretary general, is elected each April in schoolwide elections. This year's Executive Council consists of President James Orr, Vice President Rachel Hammond and Secretary General Rachel Mansfield. But a little-known perk of the office is free tuition. The revised SGA Constitution, which was revised and ratified by the senate on Nov. 22, 2004, states in Article IV, Section 13, that "The elected Executive Council officers shall receive their books on a loan basis and maintenance fees at the beginning of each semester." The revised constitution was never voted on in a student referendum, but the provision for free tuition goes back as long as SGA has had a significant influence on campus affairs. According to several senators, the language of the SGA Constitution is not clear; some senators told *The Pacer* that the language was ambiguous and they did not know that Executive Council members got free classes in the fall and spring semesters that they serve. The problem came in "maintenance fees," which several senators mistakenly understood to mean fees exclusive of tuition. "It's a pretty widely held practice," said Al Hooten, UTM's cice chancellor for Finance and Administration. Hooten said that every campus he has served in the past had some provision allowing for compensation for SGA executives. But Hooten stopped short in saying that SGA's choice of language was completely transparent.

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Your Money



Gas crunch forces many to change plans

Kenetra Robertson
Staff Writer

Hurricane Katrina ripped through the South this week, causing many casualties and leaving Southern states grieving and in pain. Tennessee might not have received as much of the high winds and waters as Mississippi and Louisiana, but Hurricane Katrina is causing many Tennessee residents to feel pain at the pump. According to an Associated Press news story, last Tuesday oil prices began to skyrocket because of oil refineries being shut down along the Gulf Coast. Gas prices were estimated to range anywhere from \$2.85 a gallon to \$3.00. Consumers flocked to gas stations to fill up before prices escalated any higher. Martin gas prices have reached \$3.09 per gallon for regular gas. "People are really aggravated about the rising prices, but business has not slowed down at all," said Beth McMillian, store manager at Suiter's Service in Martin. McMillian's store ran out of gas two days last week but remained open because people still wanted to purchase cigarettes and other convenience items. "The citizens of Martin and the surrounding area should be thankful that we are not in the shape that New Orleans and Biloxi are in," McMillian said. "Customers just have to be patient and realize that we all are experiencing this inconvenience together." Gas prices have been steadily rising for the past few months, to the disappointment of UTM students. "The government is scamming us because they have the technology to make 85 percent of gas from ethanol. I really believe that the government also needs to put a price cap on gas as well," said Marcus Johnson, a senior Communications major from Memphis. Husein Husein, a graduate Accounting and Business student and a Math Learning Specialist, said, "I believe that something really good could come out of all this. This could cause Americans to cut down on driving so much which in the long run would lead to a cleaner environment."



Setup began Monday afternoon for the 12th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival in downtown Martin.

Martin pays homage to the soybean

Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

The 12th Annual Tennessee Soybean festival has been billed as a great source of food and fun for the Martin community, including students. Fortunately, festival patrons will not have to know anything about the bean itself, such as the soybean is the world's foremost provider of protein and oil. This bushy, green soybean plant is a legume related to clover, peas and alfalfa. Soybeans find their way into numerous consumer products, including cereals, doughnuts, cheeses, meat



replacement (such as tofu) and several hundred others. The event, supported by area businesses, civic organizations and UTM, attracted 30,000 people last year. The Martin area benefits from more than \$100,000 in sales tax revenue. Headlining this year's

event will be a performance by country music singer/songwriter Craig Morgan, whose recent hit "That's What I Love About Sundays" topped the singles chart. "The soybean festival is a time for the community to come together and have a few days of fun and relax with friends," said Martin Mayor Randy Brundige. "Planning for the festival begins in February and goes through August. This takes time and effort of the many volunteers. The sponsors are a huge part of the festival. Without them we could not put on the great event we have planned," Brundige said.

Our View

Editorial: So what's the big deal with SGA?

Our coverage of SGA has been relentless these past few years, covering every aspect of the office from new programs to complicated constitutional mores. Doing so required several readings of the SGA Constitution, the only thing that remains consistent from one year to the next. Never in one of these readings did we realize that the words “maintenance fees” translate roughly into “tuition.”

In short, Article IV, Section 13 of the SGA constitution reads, “The elected Executive Council officers shall receive their books on a loan basis and maintenance fees at the beginning of each semester.” The history of this paragraph is uncertain, as SGA records are largely incomplete.

The only concern brought to the forefront this week is whether it was appropriate for SGA President James Orr to request his summer fees be paid from the SGA budget.

Even though the specific request may have been unprecedented, he certainly had history on his side in doing so.

We'd always guessed that the officers received more than just books and a stipend. Meal tickets and staff parking stickers aren't itemized either, but we know they too are issued at

little or no charge. If their tuition was to be paid, we supposed it would be nothing more than a good faith gesture to keep a renegade SGA on the good side of the administration. Some school officials say that this has been in practice for almost 25 years.

Even the executive editor of this newspaper receives certain perks of his or her job. Among them are rights to a staff parking sticker (paid by the student editor) and a complimentary 16-meal plan from Sodexo (not assessed to the newspaper's ledger.) The practice extends beyond the SGA and *The Pacer*, with certain other higher-ups in Student Life receiving perks.

But hardworking students deserve a little extra, right? We agree only to the point where full, clear and concise disclosure occurs. So let the president, vice president and secretary general continue to receive their tuition, books and small stipend. All we ask is that these benefits be clarified in the SGA constitution to someone without a full understanding of higher education terminology.

We call upon the SGA Senate to propose and pass legislation to alter the wording to clarify the full benefits of our elected student leaders.



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Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

Red tape killed the 'Big Easy'

We had nearly three days worth of warning before the first landfall in New Orleans. We even watched television specials on the “worst-case-scenario” before the first drop of water from Hurricane Katrina landed on Bourbon Street.

Of course, we'd heard about it for years before then, how a strong hurricane (anything higher than a Category 3) could flood the city. The Army Corps of Engineers had even studied ways to spare the city in such an event. Too bad the required funding for such a project ended up in government contracts to “build democracy” in other countries.

Yes, I just put the blame squarely on our policymakers for the devastation caused by a natural disaster. Call it “being political,” but quite frankly I don't give a damn if or how these citizens voted. I am only echoing the outrage that has come in the wake of this avoidable tragedy.

Add hurricane relief effort to a long list of failed policies. Although at this point, “relief” isn't the right word. That's a golf term for what you get if you need a rule adjustment to make the green in two after a horrible tee shot. Right now, the gulf coastal region needs nothing short of a “miracle.”

Many say “they knew the risks when they decided to move there.” Perhaps before we start to judge their choice of locale, we should consider the New Madrid fault, an earthquake-prone area capable of generating just as much if not more catastrophe as any tropical system. We attend college only a stone's throw away from it.

Forces of God will claim lives, whether it is an earthquake, volcano, tsunami, or hurricane. But in our country, I had always thought that we had the resources to save and comfort the afflicted. We hear stories of people dying in the streets because aid arrived four days too late. For some, aid never came.

When faced with similar carnage on the streets of Baghdad, the party line was to “stay the course.” At this point, the so-called course is under seven feet of water.

Can this really be happening in America?

Be proud to be a Skyhawk fan

Many freshmen have come to join the Skyhawk family this fall and the football game Thursday night was the first exposure to Skyhawk athletics for many of them. Right now is a prime time for students new and old alike to not only become fans of the Skyhawks, but to become “true fans.” Being a true fan is an essential part of fully enjoying what UTM has coined “the total collegiate experience.” Whether that means simply wearing a school t-shirt with pride, painting your face on game day, or leading “start the buses” chants toward the other team when the Skyhawks win, being a fan is the easiest way, and most fun way, to show pride for our university.

Part of being a true fan is actually being there for the entirety of games.



Matthew Maxey
Staff Photographer

This may come as news to many UTM students, but the Skyhawk football team plays two halves of football each game. *Note to freshmen: It is not necessary to participate in the ritual you witnessed Thursday night of the student body standing seemingly in unison as the second quarter ended and moving in an orderly fashion for the exits as if it were a fire drill. For those of you who left at halftime you really missed out on something special.

There was a small group of “true fans” who

were rewarded for their dedication by seeing one of the best finishes in Hardy Graham Stadium since the Skyhawk's second half comeback and overtime victory against Tennessee Tech at homecoming two years ago. Many of you will read in the sports pages about how quarterback Brady Wahlberg led a last minute comeback and was named the OVC's offensive player of the week, but only a small group of you actually got to see him earn that honor.

True fans are not only found at the football games. They are also the ones who come out to support the soccer team, volleyball team and all the other sports that will soon start their seasons. True fans are ones like the group at

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Commuters hit hardest by gas hike

Years ago as a small child I remember the long lines of people waiting to buy gasoline. Sometimes they waited patiently and sometimes tempers got the best of people. Apparently history is repeating itself because here we go again.

So, who's to blame? Since we generally love to blame our problems on others, we naturally attack the first and easiest target we see—the clerks who take our money. After all, they work there so obviously it must be their fault, right? They're all members of a secret society who take it upon themselves to hijack our wallets. A bit silly, isn't it? Nevertheless, the gas station clerks are the ones taking the brunt of our anger about the high price of gas. That is, when someone doesn't pump and run.

The experts tell us that one problem is that we as a nation are in desperate need of new refineries. Then there is the great



Elaine Wilson
Staff Columnist

demand for oil that is only increasing, particularly here and in China. And as always, the poor are being hit the hardest. For most Americans with reasonably comfortable incomes, the rise in prices hurts but hasn't caused any major changes in their lives. For lower-income people, each new hike means making changes in daily routines, buying less of something else and going without extras.

In my case I commute to school on a daily basis and average 500 miles per week. On Fridays I make the trip for only one class, but what else can I do? I seriously doubt that the University is going to make schedule changes just for people like me. So, I stopped buying

lunch in order to pay for gas.

Officials tell us to drive less to save fuel. In some instances that is possible, but in rural areas such as this we have no choice because there is no mass transit system. Let's face it: we all feel a sense of entitlement to the fuel. We love our cars and showing them off and we use them at the drop of a hat. Instead of walking across the campus and crossing the street to get lunch at Wendy's, we drive there. Now, how lazy are we getting?

Hopefully, things will soon get better and gas prices will begin to even off and maybe even drop. But we're all going to have to face the fact that someday oil may not be that plentiful and major changes will have to be made. After all, nowhere does the Constitution guarantee us a right to unlimited cheap fuel.

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Ying Yang Twins concert may be missing profane language

Will York
News Editor

It's not likely that you'll hear lyrics like "Hey bit—, wait 'til you see my di—" when the Ying Yang Twins come to campus next Saturday. The international superstars will be performing at 8 p.m. Sept. 17 in the Elam Center, but their show will not feature the usual shocking lyrics. The group, which is contracted for \$30,000 plus about \$25,000 in production costs, will perform a show without profanity, according to the Office of Student Affairs. The Atlanta-based Ying Yang Twins became popular with their club song "Whistle While You Twurk" and topped Billboard charts with their collaboration with Li'l John and the Eastside Boyz with "Get Low." Their current hit, "The Whisper Song," from their newest album *The United State of Atlanta* is riddled with profanity. The Ying Yang Twins' contract includes a provision banning vulgar language, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs David Belote said. Belote said the Student Activities Council saw the Ying Yang Twins perform a "radio show," one that does not include profanity, at this summer's National Association of Campus Activities national convention in Minneapolis. "From all indications, they gave a great performance," Belote said. "The idea was to possibly bring them to UTM." Now that idea is an all-out marketing campaign, with radio spots and television ads in both the Memphis and Nashville markets. Belote said, "Our main audience is college students," including both UTM students, who get a discount, and students at Tennessee State University. The concert follows UTM's home game against TSU. Belote said that an edited show "makes (the show) more open for general audiences." "You could start a debate today on the pros and cons for the lyrics in culture today," Belote said. Belote said that there was no specific penalty built into the contract if the Ying Yang Twins used profanity in their show, but that they would "deal with that after the fact," even though Belote does not foresee a problem. As far as to what is vulgar and what is not, Belote said he did not know and said it is hard to regulate. Belote said UTM needs to sell about 2,500 seats in the 5,500-seat Elam Center for the university to break even. In general, students aren't particularly pleased with the university's attempts to appeal to a broader audience. "The reason people like their music is because of what they say," said sophomore Josh Snerley from Memphis. "It wouldn't be as good with them not saying what they want. I'm glad I haven't bought my ticket yet." Bryce Skinner from Selmer agrees. "This is censorship. Considering that this is a band known for that sort of thing (vulgarity) and that it is a live concert, I don't agree. It takes away from the music itself," Skinner said. Skinner also opposed to the SAC not advertising that it is a "censored" show. "They should be upfront and let you know before you pay." As of press time, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, said he had not yet seen a signed contract for the event.

Censorship

New student group highlights culture of American Indians

Theresa Oliver
Copy Editor


Despite having only "five or six" American Indian students in attendance at UTM, the new student organization the Native American Student Association made its debut on the UTM campus because of the efforts of UTM students and faculty alike. UTM joins MTSU in becoming the only college in Tennessee with such a group. "Some students need this because it is part of their makeup," said faculty adviser Brent Cox. Cox explained that Tennessee is the only state where there is no land set aside for the American Indians. "Many African-American students are half American Indian as well," Cox said. The organization has been in the making for quite some time. The signatures of three staff advisers were needed in order to begin the formation of the organization. Cox anticipated the formation of the association for years, but it was not until four interested students taking his American Indian history class decided to act. Scott Lewis, Connie Conchra, Tommy Thompson and Sara Cole Overton worked together to create the first such interest group on campus. "All members have heritage and ties to various American Indian nations and have participated in many activities," said Cox. "Even though our numbers are small, the Native American Student Association represents 60 percent of the voting population."

Budget: Continued from Cover

The SGA is budgeted \$34,940 for the 2006 fiscal year, which began July 1. Of that, \$15,000 is allocated under "Awards." It is that \$15,000 that pays for the three Executive Council members' tuition, which is 43 percent of SGA's total operating budget. Based on this year's fee schedule, \$13,428 will be spent to cover the Executive Council's tuition. After adding \$1,600 to pay student employees and \$280 for "academic salaries," SGA will pay \$16,880 for staff, which equates to 48 percent of its total budget. SGA and its executives' perks are funded from the \$45 per semester student activities fee. Of that \$45 per student, SGA takes \$3.15, or 7 percent of the total fee. Sen. Tianita Duke, who represents the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, said she did not know that it is a standing practice for SGA to pay for tuition. "That's just kind of odd," Duke said. "In some ways they deserve it, but some of the money could go to better uses." Sen. Eric Rivera of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, said that he thinks President James Orr and his Executive Council deserve "some sort of compensation," but he said he didn't know if the three deserve tuition. "The students should decide," Rivera said. Other senators were also surprised that nearly half the SGA budget pays for tuition, but they refused to go on record because they do not want to anger the Executive Council. Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs David Belote said that compensating the Executive Council is justified, saying they do a "tremendous" amount of work for the university. "The perks could be a motivation for running for office," Belote said. "But I would hope a person's motive would be more altruistic." "The SGA president puts in an exorbitant amount of time. Whether or not that office should be compensated is in the eye of the beholder." Belote said that full-tuition compensation was standard for SGA leadership for "at least 25 years," the period of time he's been serving at UTM. In addition to books and tuition for the fall and spring semesters, the SGA president also receives a \$600 stipend, free books, a staff parking sticker and a free meal ticket from Sodexo. The vice president gets free tuition, free books and a \$500 stipend. SGA's secretary general gets free tuition, free books and a \$400 stipend. In an unprecedented move, SGA President James Orr also successfully lobbied university administrators to help pay for two summer classes in addition to the summer and fall terms. Senators were never officially told that Orr was getting part of his summer classes paid for out of student fees, but according to some senators who refused to be named, a rumor began circulating in the summer that Orr got his classes paid for. "Some of us talked to (Orr) and he said it was customary. He told us to check the constitution," a senator who preferred not to be named told *The Pacer*. "Some of us were concerned about it." However paying for summer classes is not customary. Former SGA Executive Council members confirmed that it has never been a practice for Executive Council members to get their tuition paid, even if they were taking summer classes. Article IV, Section 13, of

SISTERS GRANT JACKSON'S WISH — Chi Omega gave a surprise party to Jackson Roberts and gave him his ticket to Walt Disney World. Chi O raised money for their philanthropy, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, to benefit Jackson. Standing, back row, left to right: Jeri Jones, Emily Anne Sparks, Caroline Briggs, Alyssa Brock, Ashley Thomas, kneeling, left to right, Erin Young, Beth Grissom, Chassity Peeler, Katy Skipper, Julie Hood, Emily Carnell, Jennifer Tharpe, sitting, on ottoman, left to right, Sean Roberts, Lily Roberts and Jackson Roberts.

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Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in *The Pacer's* "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

WUTM announces logo contest

UTM's student radio station, WUTM FM 90.3 "The Hawk" is searching for a new logo. A campus-wide contest is being held to select the new artwork, which will be used for promotional purposes by the radio station. The contest begins on Thursday, September 6 and ends Sept. 30. All contest entries must be submitted by a UTM student and must be the student's original work. Logo submissions must include the call letters and station number (WUTM 90.3 FM), and may also include the radio station nickname, "The Hawk". The winner of the contest will receive a \$100 cash prize, an award certificate and on-air recognition. In order to be eligible for the contest, entries must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2005. For more information, interested persons may contact Kristen Crocker, Business and Traffic Director by e-mail at wutm@utm.edu.

Student Government senate vacancies

The UTM Student Government Association has open senate seats in the colleges of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts, and Business and Public Affairs. Applications will be available in the SGA office on Sept. 6 and are due back on Sept. 9. For more information, contact the SGA at ext. 7785 or email sga@utm.edu.

Intramural softball

Campus Recreation is beginning to register teams for season's intramural softball leagues. Captains and free agents will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the Elam Center. Cost is \$25. Call 881-7745 for more information.

Society of Professional Journalists

The UTM Society of Professional Journalists will hold its first fall meeting at 5:15 p.m. today in 316 Gooch. This meeting is open to all interested in preserving our First Amendment freedoms.

Cornstalk '05

The second annual Cornstalk music festival will take place at 3 p.m. on Sept. 10. Organizers tout it as "an all-day event full of face-rockin' music" in Dyer. Chairs, blankets and coolers allowed. Free admission. Visit www.myspace.com/cornstalk for more information.

Student Government Senate Fall Meetings

All meetings are held at 9 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers (UC 111). The meetings are open to the public.

- Wednesday, Sept. 7
- Thursday, Sept. 15
- Thursday, Oct. 6
- Thursday, Oct. 27
- Thursday, Nov. 3
- Thursday, Nov. 12
- Thursday, Dec. 1

For more information, visit sga.utm.edu.

Editor's Note:

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the Department of Public Safety was unable to provide a police report. Check in next week's issue of *The Pacer* for an expanded report.

— The Pacer

Tennessee Soybean Festival

If you can look past the love affair with a legume, the upcoming week has a lot to offer in food and fun.

Tuesday, Sept. 6

- **Senior Adult Shuffleboard Tournament.** 8 a.m. Senior Adult Center, North Lindell Street. Ages 50+ Women's Singles. Pre-registration, 587-3900
- **Salute To Our Heroes.** Breakfast for Martin Police Department. 9 a.m. - by invitation only. Hosted by Mike and Cathy Barnett, Our Backyard Town
- **Mayor's Kickoff Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m., Boling University Center. Sponsored by: Leland Powell and Sodexho Food Services. Announcement of Soybean Hall of Fame Recipient and Big Bean Recipient. Call 587-3126
- **Soybean Festival Parade.** 6:30 p.m., Graham Stadium (parking lot). Sponsored by: First State Bank. For entry fee information and prizes, call 587-9561.
- **Tuesday Night Entertainment:** Joyce Cobb and Cool Heat, Jazz Performer. 7:30 p.m., Downtown Stage. Sponsored by: Brundige Insurance, Reelfoot Bank and General Supply. Free Concert

Wednesday, Sept. 7

- **Soybean Festival Prayer Breakfast.** 6:45 a.m., First Baptist Church. Sponsored by: Martin Area Ministerial Alliance. Call 587-9555 for more information.
- **Senior Adult Shuffleboard Tournament.** 8 a.m., Senior Adult Center, North Lindell Street. Ages 50+: Men's Singles. Pre-registration, call 587-3900.
- **Salute to Our Heroes.** Breakfast for Martin Fire Department. 9 a.m. - by invitation only. Hosted by Mike and Cathy Barnett, Our Backyard Town
- **Literary Reading.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Bring your brown bag lunch. Sponsored by: Weakley County Arts & Humanities Council. Weldon Library, Main Street.
- **Martin Area Ministerial Alliance Faith and Community Night:** Featuring Tyra Lokey, Allison Durham Speer & Layton Howerton. 5 p.m., Community Dinner, Concert 5:30 p.m., Downtown Stage. Sponsored by: Martin Area Ministerial Alliance

Thursday, Sept. 8

- **Soybean Festival Farmers' Breakfast.** 6:30 a.m., Vincent Implements Sponsored by: Farm Credit Services, Weakley County Farm Bureau, Weakley Farmers Co-op, and the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council. Call 364-3106 for more information.
- **Salute to Our Heroes.** Breakfast for



- Weakley County Municipal Electric Company employees. 9 a.m. - by invitation only. Hosted by Mike and Cathy Barnett, Our Backyard Town
- **Soybean Festival Golf Tournament.** 11:30 a.m. lunch served. 12:30 p.m. tee time. Persimmon Hills in Sharon, Entry fee and prizes. Sponsored by: Martin Rotary Club. Call 587-4221 for more information.
 - **Grand Opening of the Street Fair and Carnival.** Food, entertainment, carnival and craft vendors. Begins at 5 p.m., Downtown.
 - **The Sodexho Community Picnic.** 5:30 p.m., Downtown Martin.
 - **Opening Thursday Night Act:** Lynn Trefgzer, Comedy Ventriloquist. 6:30 p.m., Downtown Stage. Sponsored by: UT Martin Student Activities Council. Free performance.
 - **The Thursday Night Country Concert:** Shenandoah. 7:45 p.m., Downtown Stage. Sponsored by: Chapel Ridge Apartments. Free Concert.

Friday, Sept. 9

- **Quilt Show.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Weldon Library, Main Street. Sponsored by: Tennessee Volunteer Quiltists Guild. Monica Elling, 973-4995
- **Senior Adult Center Breakfast and Bake Sale.** 6-10 a.m. (breakfast \$3 plate). Senior Adult Center, 587-3900. Open to the public, all ages invited.
- **School Children Street Fair Featuring The Stunt Team (BMX Bike Show).** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., The Stunt Team, 10:30 a.m., Downtown. Sponsored by: Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Union City.
- **Friends of the Library Festival Event.** 9 a.m. – ?, Downtown. Used book sale - Dippin' Dots Ice Cream,587-4750.
- **Street Fair/Carnival.** Food, entertainment, carnival and craft vendors. Begins at 9 a.m., Downtown.
- **Martin Merchant Sidewalk Sale.** 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Downtown. Sponsored by the Martin Historic Business District Association. For more information contact Wanda Vowell at 587-5476
- **Art Show.** 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Downtown. Sponsored by: Martin Historic Business District Association. All artwork must be original and frameable. For more information contact Wanda Vowell at 587-5476
- **UT Martin Skyhawk Invitational Soccer Tournament.** 2 p.m., Murray

- State vs. Arkansas Little Rock. 4 p.m., South Alabama vs. UTM.
- **The Stunt Team (BMX Bike Show).** Shows at 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Downtown. Sponsored by: Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Union City. Free Admission
 - **The Price is Right LIVE game show.** 6 p.m., Weldon Park. Sponsored by: Thunderbolt Broadcasting Co. Call 587-9526 or visit www.wcmt.com for more information.
 - **12th Annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild Barbecue Cookoff.** 6 p.m., Weldon Park. Categories: Backyard Variety, Best Booth, Backyard Bird. Sponsored by: Tyson Foods. Free BBQ & BBQ Chicken, 587-5355.
 - **Westview Charger Football vs. McNairy County.** 7:30 p.m., Graham Stadium, UTM.
 - **Friday Night Opening Act:** The Alabama Blues Brothers Show. 7 p.m., Downtown. Sponsored by: Regions Bank and Vowell & Sons. Free show.
 - **The Friday Night Concert:** Tequila Sunrise (An Eagles Tribute). 9 p.m., Downtown Stage. Sponsored by: Volunteer Distributing Co., Inc. & Greenball Corporation. Free concert.

Saturday, Sept. 10

- **American Legion & Ladies' Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast.** 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., American Legion Post 55, Central St. 7 & up \$5, 6 & under \$3, Call 587-5254 or 587-5193 for more information.
- **Soybean Festival 5K Road Race/1 Mile Fun Walk.** 8 a.m., Martin Recreation Complex (softball parking lot). Sponsored by: Martin Kiwanis Club, Ken-Tenn Sports and The Sideline Physical Therapy and Fitness Center. Call 587-9572 for more information.
- **Martin Soccer Jamboree.** 9 a.m., Martin Recreation Complex. Sponsored by: Martin Soccer Association. Call Randall Ricketts, 588-1495 for more information.
- **Quilt Show.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Weldon Library, Main Street. Sponsored by: Tennessee Volunteer Quiltists Guild. Call 587-4750 for more information.
- **Friends of the Library Festival Event.** Begins at 9 a.m., Downtown. Used book sale - Dippin' Dots Ice Cream. Call 587-4750 for more information.
- **Soybean Festival 9th Annual National Car & Truck Show.** Presented by Bluegrass Promotions.

- Martin Recreation Complex. Registration from 8 a.m. - Noon. Entry fee \$20, free admission for spectators. Sponsored by MTD Products, Inc. For more information: www.bluegrasscarevents.org or 270-382-3995.
- **The Weakley County Junior Livestock Show, Ag Pavilion.**
 - **Street Fair/Carnival.** Food, entertainment, carnival and craft vendors. Begins at 10 a.m., Downtown.
 - **Martin Merchant Sidewalk Sale.** 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Downtown. Sponsored by the Martin Historic Business District Association. For more information contact Wanda Vowell at 587-5476.
 - **Community Health Fair.** 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Downtown Martin City Hall Board Room. Sponsored by: Martin Pilot Club. The health fair will offer several free services some of which include blood pressure checks, fitness assessments, eye screens, dietary instruction and skin assessments. They will also have several displays and door prizes.
 - **Art Show.** 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Downtown. Sponsored by: Martin Historic Business District Association. All artwork must be original and frameable. For more information contact Wanda Vowell at 587-5476.
 - **Lindell Street Jam Fest.** Entertainment galore. 10 a.m., Downtown. Sponsored by: Frontier & Wal-Mart.
 - **Antique Tractor Pull.** 12 noon, Martin Recreation Complex. Sponsored By: AGR Fraternity at UT Martin, Jack's Trading Post, Bobby Oliver, Harper's Wrecker Service, Wood's Communication, E&C Garage, NAPA, McCoy Bros. Transmission, General Supply, E&H Refrigeration, Vincent Implements, Jones Body Shop, Puckett Lumber and Weakley Farmer's Co-op
 - **11th Annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild Barbecue Cookoff.** Sponsored by: Tyson Foods. Categories: Shoulder, Fine Swine, Ribs. Awards: 12:15 p.m. Downtown Stage.
 - **Pet Show.** 3:30 p.m., Registration. 4 p.m., Show. Weldon Park. Sponsored by: Weakley County Animal Clinic. Call 587-5319 for more information.
 - **Saturday Night Opening Act:** The Distraxshuns (Rhythm & Blues). 7 p.m., Downtown Stage. Sponsored by: Volunteer Community Hospital. Free concert.
 - **The Saturday Night Concert:** Craig Morgan. www.craigmorgan.com. 9 p.m., Downtown Stage. Sponsored by First Citizens National Bank. Opening for Morgan is John Stone - www.johnwesleystone.com. Free concert

Sunday, Sept. 11

- **UT Martin Skyhawk Invitational Soccer Tournament.** 12 noon, Murray State vs. South Alabama. 2 p.m., Arkansas Little Rock vs. UTM.
- **Bicycle Rodeo.** Registration begins at 1:30 p.m., Events begins at 2 p.m. Martin Recreation Complex. Sponsored by: Martin Optimist Club. 587-6788 or 587-7766.

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Bryan Hayes and the Retrievers come back to a long-awaited homecoming

Rachel Rogers
Arts and Entertainment
Editor

So maybe you don't care about the Ying Yang Twins. Maybe you think there's a better way to spend the night of Sept. 17. Maybe you'd rather hear something other than rap music. Bryan Hayes and the Retrievers are your solution. The group, including three former UTM students, has been described by the Commercial Appeal as "a country Tom Petty". They've also been labeled as "roots-rock" by others. "I think both descriptions are accurate," says Bryan Hayes, the lead singer. "But I think there are other influences bleeding through. I guess if we're going to tag it, it's Americana." This Memphis based group hasn't always been about music. When Bryan was here at UTM, he had his mind on other things. "I was more into sports," he confesses. "I played baseball at UTM. My defin-

Did you know ...

- They've been together for two years.
- Bryan started playing while at UTM.
- Some of their influences are Pat Green and the Beatles.
- Bryan's inspiration came from a U2 video.

ing moment in music came the first time I saw "Rattle & Hum" by U2. There was definitely a cool factor. Those guys looked cool, they looked like they were having fun, and it seemed like the coolest job on the planet." Hayes got a late start in his music career. He didn't start playing guitar until he was about 18 or 19. "I was always into music, but the performance bug didn't bite me until college." And for those of you think nothing great ever comes out of UTM, think again. "UTM is where I got my start," Hayes explains. "I was a freshman in Brown-ing Hall, and there was an exchange student from Ja-

pan living down the hall. I'd go hang out in his room and his playing just blew me away. So I started bug-ging him for tips and lessons." The band, composed of Hayes on vocals and guitars, Shannon Cooke on guitar and vocals, Gee Brannon on keyboards, Brent Wooster on drums and vocals and Clint Herron on bass and vocals, have all been to-gether for about six months, though Hayes, Cooke and Brannon have been play-ing together for about two years. They've just released their album *Just a Man*, and plan to release it nationally. "We're currently working with a promotion company in Memphis, and we're hop-

ing to re-release *Just a Man* nationally in October." The group is also in the process of recording a new album. "We've got about 10 songs that we're playing live. We'd like to go into the studio with around 20 songs and try to cut it down to about 12 to 14. We'll prob-ably release the new CD be-tween March and April." Something else the guys are looking forward to is hitting the road to promote their new CD. One of their biggest goals is to hit the college towns that normally get overlooked. "I remem-ber when I was in school, we never got up and com-ing bands here in Martin." The group has already gained notice for their mu-sic. Two songs off of *Just a Man* were selected as "Song of the Year" by the Mem-phris Songwriters Associa-tion. "Memphis is a big mu-sic city and there are a lot of very talented songwriters, so this was a tremendous honor for us." The band is looking for-ward to coming back to the



Byran Hayes and the Retreievers will be at the Stables on Saturday Sept. 17.

town where it all started. "We can't wait to come back to Martin," says Hayes. "Shannon, Gee and I all went to Martin, and we had some great times. It's like a homecoming of sorts." Bryan Hayes and the Re-treivers will be hitting the

Stables on Saturday, Sept. 17. So if rap isn't your thing, come check out some local plays playing some great music. "It's a new venue and new faces, but I bet it's the same good Martin hospitality."



Christian Bale breathes new life into the role of Batman in 'Batman Begins'

'Batman Begins' saves the franchise

Elizabeth Watts
Viewpoints Editor

If you're like me, you've lost all faith in Batman movies. No one can top Michael Keaton as Batman, and as people saw, a big name actor doesn't necessarily mean a big Batman movie. Anyone heard from Val Kilmer or Chris O'Donnell lately? I didn't think so. In case you forgot, Kilmer and O'Donnell played Batman and Robin in *Batman Forever*. Don't remember the mov-ie? Don't worry; you're not the only one. As redemption to all horrible Batman mov-ies, *Batman Begins* came out this summer. The movie stars Christian Bale, Katie Hol-mes, Morgan Freeman, and Liam Neeson and was directed by Christopher Nolan. Be warned though, this Batman movie is dark. Some people might call it depressing, but life in Gotham is not all butterflies and kit-tens. I think that being such a dark movie is what makes *Batman Begins* so great. Bruce Wayne, a.k.a Batman, played by Bale, developed a paranoia for bats at an early age. Later in life, he suffered from the death of his mother and father as they're gunned down outside an opera. We don't know how Bruce Wayne ended up in pris-on, but Neeson's character gets him out. Wayne trains at a school of ninjas before he returns to Gotham. He finds Gotham full of crime, corruption and poverty, and vows to change it back to the way it was when his father was alive. With the help of Freeman's character, an in-ventor at his father's company, he comes up

with the Batman suit and all the crazy gad-gets that a superhero has. The villain in this movie is a psychiatrist who uses a halluci-nogenic gas that causes people to see their worst fear come to life. He uses this gas to gain power and make people more insane than what they already are. The psychotic psychiatrist plans to release the gas to the population of Gotham to give him control over the city. A psychotic psychiatrist, how ironic is that? There's a huge twist at the end of the movie. So huge, that you don't see it coming. Of course, I'm not going to tell you what it is. You have to watch to find out. Batman saves the day, of course, but it wasn't as easy as one might think. The fight for Gotham is dirty and at times, you don't know who's going to win. After Bat-man saves the city, Gotham's chief of police shows him who his next villain is. I'm sure everyone in the theater silently cheered as the chief flips over a playing card with the joker on it. Viewers everywhere know that there will be another Batman movie and that Batman will be fighting against The Joker. I can't wait to see who Warner Bros. gets to play The Joker. Honestly, I think that I'll be disappointed, because no one in my mind can top Jack Nicholson as The Joker. I recommend this movie to everyone! Not a fan of comic book movies? I don't care, go see *Batman Begins*. Didn't like any of the past Batman movies? Then you definitely got to see *Batman Begins*. If you don't remember anything from this article, remember these three words: "Watch Batman Begins."

UTM students get a taste of Atlanta's finest

Ayonna Hood
Staff Writer

Atlanta's own club-banging duo consist-ing of D-Roc and Kaine, the Ying Yang Twins, is performing at 8 p.m. on Sept. 17 at UTM's very own Elam Center. The rappers' full length debut album, *Thug Walkin*, was released in 2000. "Whis-tle While You Twurk" was the group's first radio hit. After teaming up with Lil' Jon, better known as the King of Crunk, in 2003 for the massive club smash, "Salt Shaker," the Ying Yang Twins were immediately signed to TVT Records. Their first album under the TVT label, *Me & My Brother*, sold over 1million copies. Popular songs from this platinum-certified album include "What's Happenin'" "Geor-gia Dome" and "Naggin." In 2004, the At-lanta natives released the remix album *My Brother & Me* to satisfy the cravings of their loyal fans. The Ying Yang Twins latest album, *United State of Atlanta*, currently holds the number 22 spot on the Billboard Top 100 Albums list. *United State of Atlanta* debuted at num-

ber 1 on the charts and is the duos' most popular album to date. The first single from *United State of Atlanta*, "Wait," also debuted at number 1 on the charts. The latest single from the album, "Badd" featuring Mike Jones, currently holds the number seven spot on Billboard's Hot Rap Tracks list. Such acclaimed artists performing at UTM is almost like a dream come true to some fans. Natasha Chatman, a sophomore ele-mentary education major, could not be any more excited. "I've been a huge fan of the [Ying Yang] Twins for years, even when no-body knew who they were. Having them come to UTM is great." The Atlanta duo will be accompanied by Nappy Roots, a Kentucky based group whose musical styles are likened to Out-kast, Raphael Saadiq, and Anthony Ham-ilton, just to name a few. Tickets for the upcoming concert are still on sale at the Information Desk in the Uni-versity Center for \$20. It is certain that D-Roc and Kaine will have fans screaming "HANH!" long after the concert is over.

Fall production auditions soon

Rachel Rogers
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Have you ever dreamed of being a fairy queen? Or perhaps a mischievous nymph? Or maybe a young lover? Well then, you're in luck. For its fall production, Vanguard The-atre will be doing a production of the Shakespeare comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. If you would like to have a try at being Titania or maybe Puck, then head to the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine Arts Building on Monday, Sept. 12 and Tues-day, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Depending on the number of people who audtion, there may be a need to do call backs , which would probably be on Wednesday or Thursday night. The cast list will be posted no later than Friday, Sept. 16. Ken Zimmerman, director of Vanguard Theatre, has announced that the produc-tion will have at least 21 people in the cast, maybe more. "Auditions are open to any-one on campus who is interested in per-forming and willing to make a serious time commitment during the rehearsal period," Zimmerman said. "No experience is neces-sary. We want to accomodate as many stu-dents as we can." The only requirement for the audition is the presentation of a prepared monologue from the play. Copies of some monologues are available in the Fine Arts Building, or you may prepare one of your own. "I'm looking for enthusasim, commitment and an ability to handle the language," says Zimmerman. "In many ways this is a physically demanding play, so I'll also be looking for folks who can move well." For those of you who never read the story, or saw the movie starring Calista Flock-hart, here's a quick review. The story is set

in ancient Athens and involves two sets of young lovers: Helena, Lysander, Demetrius and Hermia. While at a wedding, the four run out into the forest, not knowing what awaits. Deep in the forest, the fairy rulers Oberon and Titania are having a minor spat over a servant boy. Oberon devises a plan that will make the queen forget about their ar-gument and take him back. He sends his mischievous servant Puck to find a flower that, when its juices are placed upon the eyes of a sleeping person, will cause that person to fall in love with the first thing they see. While scouting for the flower, Oberon spots the mortals wandering in the forest. When he sees the plight of Helena, whose love for Demetrius goes unreturned, he sends out Puck to put the special potion into the eyes of the sleeping Demetrius so that he will return Helena's love. But Puck makes the mistake of placing the potion on Lysander's eyes. When Lysander wakes, he immediately falls in love with Helena, leaving his own beloved Hermia at a loss. In the meantime, Bottom the Weaver, along with a group of men, are preparing a play to perform at a royal wedding. When he wonders into the woods, Puck turns him into an ass. Unfortunately, Bottom is close to the sleeping queen. When she awakes, he is the first thing she sees. The stage is set, and comedy ensues! "It's been several years since we've pro-duced a Shakespeare play, and no one should graduate from college without hav-ing seen at least one," says Zimmerman. The performance dates of the play are Nov. 10-13. Vanguard Theatre will also perform two matinees for the public schools in the area.

Skyhawk soccer looking to kick it up a notch in '05

Matthew Maxey
Staff Photographer

The Skyhawk women's soccer team comes into the 2005 season with hopes of avenging last year's injury-plagued and disappointing 4-11-2 win-loss-tie record that resulted in the team failing to reach the OVC tournament for only the third time in school history.

With 12 players returning from last year's squad and the addition of nine newcomers, head coach Nathan Pilfer and the Skyhawks are confident they can return to the winning form they are accustomed to.

In order to get back on the winning track, the

Charlie Rayburn, the Skyhawks began an intense program to become stronger, faster and better prepared for the 2005 season. Their work brought immediate results as they participated in three spring tournaments compiling a 10-1-1 record, giving them great confidence going into the summer break and preseason.

Now that the 2005 season is here, the Skyhawks are reaping the benefits of their off-season work. During the opening weekend

Waterfront Classic in Monroe, La., the Skyhawks dominated the Ladies of Centenary College in every category, except the one that mattered most; the scoreboard.

The Skyhawks out shot Centenary 27-4, but were unable to finish all but one shot when sophomore Katie Behrens netted an 80th-minute goal. Pifer says of the effort against Centenary that it was "a great learning experience," and that while they

didn't win, the bad feeling from that game is "one they can keep in the back of their mind and try to keep it from happening again."

The Skyhawks got on the winning track during the second game of the Waterfront Classic as goalkeeper Megan Dempsey collected her first shutout of the season and UTM defeated host Louisiana-Monroe 2-0, with both goals coming from OVC player of the week Katie Jackson.

The Skyhawks continued their dominating ways by putting six goals in the back of the net against UT Chattanooga, while allowing none for the second game in a row. These were the first back-to-back shutout games in Skyhawk soccer history.

The Skyhawks suffered their second setback of the season as they were downed 4-0 by Missouri Valley Conference opponent Southern Missouri (formerly Southwest Missouri) Bears on Sunday afternoon.

The Skyhawks will continue their non-conference schedule with matchups against Memphis, South Alabama, Arkansas-Little Rock and Belmont before opening their OVC schedule and ending the regular season with a visit to Nashville where they will face Lipscomb University.

The 2005 edition of Skyhawk soccer is loaded with veteran

talent, especially seniors. Pifer says they will look to senior co-captain Lindsey Tilk for her "on the field leadership and will to win", along with expecting "big things" from seniors Katie Jackson and co-captain Dani Myrick,

who together are responsible for 52 goals in their careers. Neither netted a single

goal in 2004 because of injuries.

Senior Katie Hausaur will be asked to use her size and strength to continue dominating the backfield for the Skyhawks and senior goalkeeper Megan Dempsey will look to continue adding to her 233 career saves and 8 career shutouts.

In the junior class, 2004 overall team MVP and All-OVC first team selection Jamie Ohlheiser will be asked to continue her consistent defense in the Skyhawk backfield, while Kindal Keim will look to add to her team leading five goals from

last year.

Many of the sophomore class gained valuable experience last year as freshmen because of the amount of injuries to upperclassmen and hope to draw on that to continue improving on last year's performance.

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Team co-captains Lindsey Tilk (right) and Dani Myrick (left) will be called upon to provide veteran leadership as the Skyhawks hope to contend for their first ever OVC crown.

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2005 Ohio Valley Conference Opponent Previews



Tennessee Tech University
Sept. 23 • 3 p.m.
Cookeville, Tenn.

The Skyhawks were unable to contain Golden Eagles Joni Simmons, Jocelyn Daniel and Jill Burns who all scored goals against UTM and return to action for Tennessee Tech this year. The Golden Eagles are picked to improve on last year's OVC performance and finish fifth in the conference this year. Tennessee Tech is 6-2 all-time against the Skyhawks.

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| • Location: Cookeville, Tenn. | • 2004 Overall Record: 7-6-4 | • Preseason OVC pick: 5th |
| • Mascot: Golden Eagle | • 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 2-3-3/7th | • Last year, TTU defeated UTM, 3-1, in Martin. |



Jacksonville State University
Oct. 9 • 1 p.m.
Jacksonville, Ala.

The Skyhawks will look to stop 2004 OVC All-Tournament Team selection Joanna McCaughey, who is leading the Gamecocks in scoring this season and avenge last year's loss in the first ever meeting between the two schools. The Gamecocks are currently 0-2-1 on the season dropping matches to Alabama-Birmingham and Florida-International, while playing to a double overtime tie with IUPUI-Ft. Wayne.

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| • Location: Jacksonville, Ala. | • 2004 Overall Record: 7-11-3 | • Preseason OVC pick: 4th |
| • Mascot: Gamecocks | • 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 3-3-2/tied for 5th | • Last year, JSU defeated UTM, 1-0, in Martin. |



Austin Peay State University
Sept. 25 • 4 p.m.
Clarksville, Tenn.

The Skyhawks are undefeated all-time against the Governors of Austin Peay after winning last year's exciting double overtime match and will look to continue that trend as they travel to Clarksville this year. The Governors return the core of last year's squad and are bringing in the fourth best recruiting class in the OVC, according to *SoccerBuzz* Magazine, as they look to improve on last year's 8th place OVC finish.

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| • Location: Clarksville, Tenn. | • 2004 Overall Record: 8-9-2 | • Preseason OVC pick: 8th |
| • Mascot: Governors | • 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 1-6-1/8th | • Last year, UTM won 2-1 (2OT), in Martin. |



Murray State University
Oct. 15 • 2 p.m.
Martin, Tenn.

The Skyhawks will look to pick up their second ever win against their across-the-border rivals to the north by stopping sophomore Kara Carlile who netted the game winning goal against UTM last year and is leading the Racers in scoring thus far in 2005. Murray is currently 0-3-0 on the season dropping matches to Valparaiso, Indiana State, Southern Mississippi and next face the University of Louisville.

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| • Location: Murray, Ky. | • 2004 Overall Record: 8-11-1 | • Preseason OVC pick: 6th |
| • Mascot: Racers | • 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 4-3-1/3rd | • Last year, MSU defeated UTM, 3-1, in Murray. |



Eastern Kentucky University
Sept. 30 • 4 p.m.
Martin, Tenn.

First year Head Coach Lindsay Basalyga, a former standout player for the Maryland Terrapins, will lead the ECU Colonels into their inaugural season of soccer with 14 freshmen and only six upperclassmen on the roster. Thus far in the 2005 season ECU has dropped contests to the University of Kentucky 0-5, and Butler University 0-3.

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| • Location: Richmond, Ky. | • 2004 Overall Record: N/A | • Preseason OVC pick: 10th |
| • Mascot: Colonels | • 2004 OVC Record/Finish: N/A | • This is the first year of ECU soccer. |



Eastern Illinois University
Oct. 21 • 2:30 p.m.
Martin, Tenn.

The Skyhawks will look to pick up their first ever win over the defending four-time OVC Tournament champions when the Panthers come to visit Skyhawk Field. In last year's meeting EIU used three second half goals to down UTM, including one by Michelle Steinhaus who lead the team in scoring last year as a freshman and is proving to be a key player for the Panthers again this year.

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| • Location: Charleston, Ill. | • 2004 Overall Record: 13-6-2 | • Preseason OVC pick: 2nd |
| • Mascot: Panthers | • 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 6-1-1/2nd | • Last year, EIU defeated UTM, 3-1, in Charleston |



Morehead State University
Oct. 2 • 2 p.m.
Martin, Tenn.

The Skyhawks will look to prevent Morehead from jumping to an early lead as they did in last year's match, but to do so they will have to stop freshman Kelly Bushe who has provided a new scoring threat to the Eagles front line, as she leads the team in scoring thus far in the season. Morehead is 2-2-0 on the season winning matches against Canisius and Western Kentucky, while dropping matches to Akron and Xavier.

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| • Location: Morehead, Ky. | • 2004 Overall Record: 9-7-1 | • Preseason OVC pick: tied for 7th |
| • Mascot: Eagles | • 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 4-4-0/4th | • Last year, MSU defeated UTM, 4-1, in Morehead |



Southeast Missouri State University
Oct. 23 • 2 p.m.
Martin, Tenn.

The Skyhawks will need to stop SEMO's team scoring leader from 2004 Molli Beard, who netted the game winning goal in last year's match against the Skyhawks, if they hope to pick up thier first ever victory against the Redhawks. Southeast Missouri is currently 1-1-0 on the season, by picking up a win over IUPUI and dropping a match to Saint Louis University.

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| • Location: Cape Girardeau, Mo. | • 2004 Overall Record: 11-6-2 | • Preseason OVC pick: 3rd |
| • Mascot: Redhawks | • 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 3-3-2/tied for 5th | • Last year, SEMO defeated UTM, 1-0, at SEMO. |



Samford University
Oct. 7 • 7 p.m.
Birmingham, Ala.

The Skyhawks will look to knock off the two-time defending OVC regular season champions, unlike they were able to do last year when the Bulldogs netted the lone goal of the match in the 90th minute. Samford brings in the OVC's top rated recruiting class in an effort to win their third consecutive conference regular season title this year, which the preseason polls say they will be able to do.

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| • Location: Birmingham, Ala. | • 2004 Overall Record: 10-7-1 | • Preseason OVC pick: 1st |
| • Mascot: Bulldogs | • 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 7-1-0/1st | • Last year, SAM defeated UTM, 1-0, in Martin. |



Skyhawk Soccer 2005

Aug. 26	vs. Centenary	5 p.m.	Sept. 25	at Austin Peay*	4 p.m.
Aug. 29	vs. Louisiana-Monroe	Noon	Sept. 30	vs. Eastern Kentucky*	4 p.m.
Aug. 31	vs. UT Chattanooga	4 p.m.	Oct. 2	vs. Morehead State*	2 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Southwest Missouri	1 p.m.	Oct. 7	at Samford*	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Memphis	7 p.m.	Oct. 9	at Jacksonville State*	1 p.m.
Sept. 9	vs. South Alabama#	4 p.m.	Oct. 15	vs. Murray State*	2 p.m.
Sept. 11	vs. Arkansas-Little Rock#	2 p.m.	Oct. 21	vs. Eastern Illinois*	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	vs. Belmont	4 p.m.	Oct. 23	vs. Southeast Missouri*	2 p.m.
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Puma Skyhawk Invitational

Skyhawks ‘bear-ly’ get by Central Arkansas in season opener

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

Wide left.

To the Skyhawks, there were no sweeter words than these last Thursday night as they pulled out a 35-34 victory over Central Arkansas in their home opener.

“I was so scared,” tailback Donald Chapman said. “I thought he made that kick. It was such a relief when they waved it no good.”

This feeling of relief is not something new to the Skyhawk football team. This game marks the third time in four years that UTM has won its home opener by just one point.

Late in the third quarter, it looked like this year might have turned out different though, as UTM jumped out to a 28-19 lead on an 80-yard interception for a touchdown by rover Jack Greenwood. But with 2:26 left in the quarter, UCA answered back and cut the lead to 28-26.

Things seemed to take a turn for the worse when, with just 2:18 in the game, the Bears scored again, giving them the 34-28 lead.

Quarterback Brady Wahlberg then took command of his team and led them on a 65-yard, six-play drive that resulted in a 31-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Taurean Stephens. The Skyhawks regained the lead with 54 seconds left to play.

“To look up on that post play and see the football come down in my hands - it was

like a gift from God,” Stephens said. “To finally connect on a pivotal pass play at a crucial time ... man, it was perfect.”

The last UCA drive of the game, true to Skyhawk form, resulted in one of the most dramatic finales in years.

The Bears returned the punt 15 yards to their own 34 yard line. Quarterback Chris Reil then completed a 26-yard pass to put UCA in Skyhawk territory. They converted a fourth-and-four into another first down and, with 10 seconds left, went for the 42-yard field goal.

Despite having the distance, the ball thankfully went wide giving the Skyhawks the victory.

“We might get outskilled some nights, but we’re not going to lose because of character,” head coach Matt Griffin said. “Those last few minutes were a circus. I feel very fortunate to win that game.”

Both teams put up impressive offensive numbers on the night. UCA’s Reil had 342 passing yards with running back Kentrel Rogers picking up 116 yards on 20 carries. Also helping out the Bears on offense was 6-foot-6 wide receiver Aaron Fairouz, UCA’s all-time leading receiver, who had 174 yards and a touchdown.

UTM’s Wahlberg racked up 188 yards passing and 63 yards rushing with two TD’s to break the school record of total offensive yards with 5,470. These efforts earned Wahlberg the Ohio Valley Confer-

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Skyhawk wide receiver

ence Offensive Player of the Week honor.

Chapman, who picked up right where he left off last season, led the team with 141 yards on 26 carries and a TD. Stephens added 74 yards and two touchdowns to help the Skyhawks in their win. Tailback Justin Glover also contributed a touchdown for the Skyhawks.

Kicking proved to be a problem for both the Skyhawks and the Bears. UCA blew the game winning field goal and UTM kicker Taylor Brown missed two field goals, both under 40 yards, in the first and last quarters of the game.

“The first half, I just thought UTM beat us to the punch,” UCA coach Clint Conque said. “You just can’t make the mistakes we made in the kicking game and then turn the ball over and expect to win.”

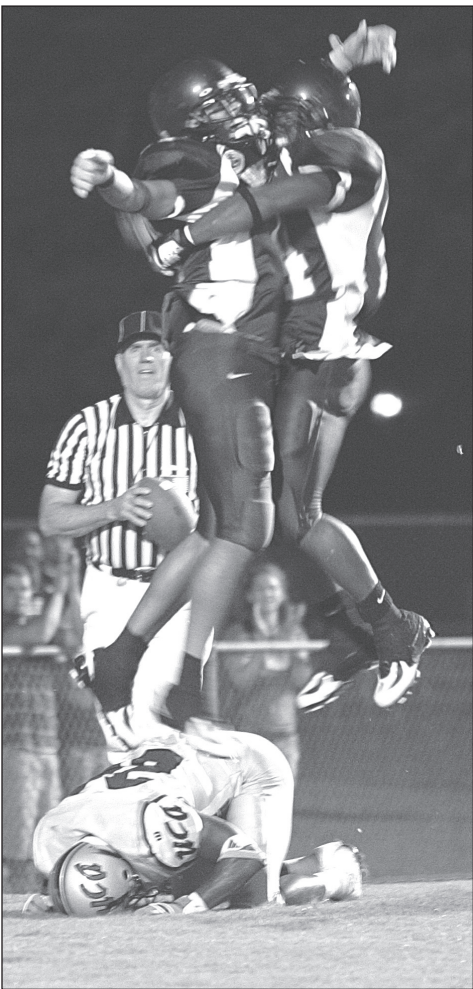
Defensively, several Skyhawks helped to keep the Bears out of the end zone. Linebacker Markeseo Jackson led the team with 11 tackles. Defensive end Andre Plummer followed right behind him with 10.

The Skyhawk defense also had an impressive six sacks on the evening, two coming from each Plummer and safety Craig Worthen and one from defensive end David Gilmore and defensive tackle Joseph Threats.

Looking to start a winning streak, the Skyhawks will travel to Jonesboro, Ark. to take on the Indians of Arkansas State, a Division I-A school.

The Indians are coming of a 44-17 loss to the Missouri Tigers last week. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Indian Stadium.

The Skyhawks will then return home to face Tennessee State in their OVC opener at noon on Sept. 17 at Graham Stadium.



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Receiver Taurean Stephens and Tailback Justin Glover celebrate, as a Central Arkansas defender falls to his knees in disgust, after Stephens caught the game-winning touchdown Thursday night at Graham Stadium.

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co-freshman of the year last year Katie Behrens stood out as one of the Skyhawks strongest and most competitive midfielders in 2004 with three goals and two assists.

Last year’s other co-freshman of the year Jamie Price also emerged as one of the Skyhawks most powerful and agile players as she connected on three goals including one game winner.

Sophomore midfielder Sarah Bedell will be looked upon to use the speed that made her a go-to player last year as a way to contribute offensively. Sophomore defender Kim Hood and forward Paula Comerlato will also be counted on more this season to come into tough situations and make plays happen as they did last year.

In order for the Skyhawks to contend in conference play, quality play from the nine newcomers will be a must. Pifer says of the new Skyhawks that they are a “good crew,” and that they will play a “big role, either starting or adding depth to the bench.”

Forward Jody Kiers of Ontario, Canada and midfielder Paula Sanematsu of Sao Paulo, Brazil, have both contributed goals this season, while freshman goalkeeper Allison Cofer has collected 10 saves between the pipes already this season.

Other freshman Skyhawks, Sabrina Humphries, Kristina Goldstine, Erin Jordan, Jessica Metcalf, Sarah Singleton and Caitlin Smith, are gaining valuable experience with every game they participate in, and should be well prepared when the OVC schedule begins.

Pollsters around the OVC are skeptical of the Skyhawks’ ability to rebound from the woes of last season.

A preseason poll voted on by all OVC women’s soccer coaches picked the Skyhawks to finish the season in ninth place, ahead of only the first-year program Eastern Kentucky.

The lack of respect around the OVC has had little effect on the Skyhawks. They are not concerned with the preseason polls or what other teams may be thinking about them.

Pifer says he is “not surprised” by the low expectations around the conference for the Skyhawks and that right now they are “focusing on what we need to do today,” and that if they can “pull everything together by midseason, we have the potential and ability to win the OVC.”

To keep track of Skyhawk soccer you can catch the games at Skyhawk Field on game day, and check for updates in *The Pacer* and at www.utmsports.com.

SKYHAWK OF THE WEEK

Quarterback Brady Wahlberg completed 22-of-26 passes for 188 yards Thursday night to lead the Skyhawks to a season-opening, 35-34, victory over Central Arkansas. Wahlberg put together a six-play, 65-yard drive with 2:18 left to play that resulted in the game-winning touchdown. Wahlberg also picked up 63 rushing yards on 12 carries, which gives him a school-record 5,470 total offensive yards for his career. For his efforts in Thursday’s game, Wahlberg was also named the Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Week.



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Senior quarterback Brady Wahlberg rushing for a first down during Thursday night’s win over Central Arkansas.

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“At first we thought it was going to be pretty neat. We were going to be gone with all the freshmen for a few days and have a great story to tell,” Myers said. But when the hurricane changed to a Category 5, Myers and others then knew that it was going to be bad.

“It was like shock and awe. I kept thinking, this is like a dream, but in a very bad way,” Myers said. “Some people were very emotional, some people absolutely lost it. They went hysterical. People had parents that were still in New Orleans and other places the hurricane was hitting,” Myers said.

The hysteria that was building was not helped any by what would come next. The electricity went out and the water stopped working. Cell phone communication was no longer an option either.

Myers says that all of the students in the gym made it through the storm safely and that they were very fortunate. “We were never really in danger. We got out in time. We are really lucky. It was only material stuff that we lost. We are so lucky,” Myers said.

Myers is now back in Tennessee and is spending the Labor Day weekend looking at other colleges to attend because Tulane has cancelled classes for at least the fall semester. He says his top two choices right now are Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tenn., and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Through an offer announced by Gov. Phil Bredesen, the UT System and the Tennessee Board of Regions institutions are doing their part to help students like Myers continue their education. These schools are accepting students who were displaced by the hur-

ricane and in some cases, at no cost to the students.

UTM will be accepting 50 students and has available housing for 25. Director of UTM Admissions Judy Rayburn told The Pacer on Thursday that at least five students displaced by the hurricane have asked about attending UTM and at least one campus tour has already been conducted.

Eligible students will not pay for tuition or housing to attend the state schools in Tennessee if they have already paid tuition and housing costs at their schools.

“Not only is this the right thing to do to assist students enrolled in colleges and universities in the states affected by the hurricane, it also is an excellent example for students to see first-hand how important it is to give back to their communities and be supportive of the humanitarian efforts,” said UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan. “All of us have seen the devastation, and this is a small way we can help provide assistance to displaced students.”

Myers isn’t sure whether he will go back to Tulane or complete his bachelor’s degree in Tennessee. But regardless of where he continues his education, Myers has a story to tell that he will likely never forget. But even after experiencing the hurricane first-hand, Myers like many other Americans, wants to do what he can to help out those who were not as fortunate as he was.

“I’m not sure if I am going to transfer back to Tulane. I will have to see how I feel later, but I kind of feel obligated to go back and help them out.”

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Wednesday’s soccer match who were not held back by the fact the new bleachers had not been completed yet. They compensated by loading their blankets, lawn chairs, and even couches into trucks and lined the field. They had a great time cheering the Skyhawks on to a dominating 6-0 victory against in-state rival UT Chattanooga.

The best part about being a true Skyhawk fan is how easy it is. As a student you get in ABSOLUTELY FREE to all home games and have access to tickets for road games which include the basketball team’s upcoming games against Louisville, Purdue, and Illinois. You can’t say the Skyhawks don’t play big name schools, you can’t say the

Skyhawks aren’t winning; you can’t even say you can’t afford to attend the games. If you’re not supporting Skyhawk athletics all you can say is that you are missing out on some great action and great memories.

When you’ve been out of college for twenty years and you look back with your buddies, are you more likely to remember being there for a great comeback by the football team or beating your roommate for the eighth time that day at the same video game? Think about it then dust off that UTM t-shirt, grab your Skyhawk card and get out to the next game to cheer for the Skyhawks. You won’t be disappointed you did.

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